

State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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Dear Mr. Smith

The Department of Environmental Services, Water Division ("DES") is required by RSA 485-A:26 to operate a program to ensure the health and safety of the public when using public bathing facilities such as pools and spas. To implement this program, DES has adopted administrative rules Env-Ws 1101-1105 to specify the design, operation, and maintenance requirements for public bathing facilities. DES reviews applications for new public bathing facilities and also inspects and tests the water in existing public bathing facilities to ensure that applicable requirements are being met.

On June 20, 2002, DES inspected the outdoor pool at the Waterville Estates in Campton,

- Pursuant to Env-Ws 1103.15(e), the clarity of the pool water shall be such that the main drain is clearly visible at all times. The main drain / bottom of the Outdoor Pool was not visible on June 20, 2002.
- 2 Pursuant to Env-Ws 1104.03(b), the operator shall be responsible for posting conspicuously displayed signs informing patrons of the DES rules relative to patron responsibilities (enclosed copy) and any other safety rules developed by the bathing facility management. Complete patron rules were not posted at the Outdoor Pool at the time of the inspection.
- 3 Pursuant to Env-Ws 1104.03(c), signs shall provide the location of the nearest telephone. The location of the nearest telephone was not posted at the Outdoor Pool at the time of the inspection.
- 4. Swimming pool hydraulic design and filter systems shall comply with Env-Ws 1105.01(k). The circulation and filtration system for the Outdoor Pool does not comply with Env-Ws 1105.01(k) (2), (15), (17), or (19-d).
- 5 Pursuant to Env-Ws 1103.10, food and drink shall not be permitted in public bathing facilities or on the deck areas of such facilities. At the Waterville Estates, Campton, NH, food and drink are allowed on the deck areas of the Outdoor Pool.

A report outlining how compliance will be achieved with the cited deficiencies should be submitted to DES within 30 calendar days from receipt of this letter. The report should include the following:

A plan of how the swimming pool hydraulic design and filtration system will be upgraded.

2. A timetable of when patron rules will be posted.

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DES personnel will conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into, and are maintaining, full compliance with RSA 485-A:26 and Env-Ws 1101-1105. In the event that compliance is not achieved, DES may take further action, including seeking an administrative fine up to \$2,000 for each offense or referring the case to the Attorney General's Office for judicial action.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please contact Amy Wilson at (603) 271-7108 if you have any questions regarding this letter. Copies of Env-Ws 1101-1105 are available through the DES Public Information Center at (603) 271-2975 or via the Internet at http://www.des.state.nh.us/pools/env1100.pdf.

Sincerely,

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